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NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note verbale SCPC/8/91 (1) of 16 December 1991, in which he asked the French authorities for information on the measures taken by them under paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 713 (1991) dated 25 September 1991.

At the national level, France has, since July, imposed an embargo on weapons intended for Yugoslavia. This decision has resulted in the suspension of all previously granted export licences until further notice and the halting of any new issuance of export or transit authorizations.

Furthermore, with respect to materials regarded as war matériel by French regulations, the operations of canvassing the Yugoslav market, submitting bids and negotiating and signing contracts are prohibited for French enterprises.

The authorizations granted in the past, at each of the stages, by the French Government have also been suspended until further notice. An embargo on weapons and military matériel was also decreed by the States members of the European Community on 5 July 1991. That decision was accompanied by an appeal to third countries to adopt a similar attitude of total restraint. In that spirit, the presidency, on behalf of the States members of the Community, has approached 35 States members of CSCE, as well as other States that are potential producers or suppliers of armament materials.